upon the taxpayers of said town such sum of money as is necessary to give effect to and carry out the provisions of this Act, not to exceed, as aforesaid, fifteen hundred dollars, provided not more than one-half the requisite amount shall be levied in any one year.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Which were adopted.

Said bill, as amended, was then read the second time.

The President presented to the Senate the following communication from the Comptroller, with accompanying papers:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Annapolis, Feb. 5th, 1878.

Hon. Edward Lloyd, President of the Senate Maryland:

In compliance with an order of the Senate, dated January 30th, 1878, and in conformity with Section 138, Article 1, of the Code of Public Local Laws for Allegany County, I beg leave to transmit to the General Assembly all the reports from the National Road which have been transmitted to this Department.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

THOS. J. KEATING,

Comptroller.

Which were read, and referred to Senators Combs, of Allegany, Welfley and Steiner.

Senate bill entitled an Act to provide for the payment of the salary due the Secretary of the State Board of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1877,

Being upon its second reading,

Mr. Bannon moved to strike out the enacting clause of said bill.

Pending the consideration of said motion,

Mr. Cooper moved that the further consideration of said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

Which was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Bannon, Combs, of Allegany,

Hepbron, Lancaster,